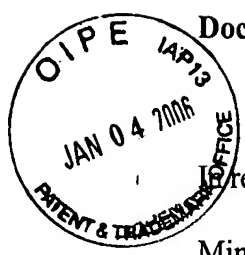


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

By Official Action mailed December 5, 2005 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims, 1-9, drawn to a polymer.
- II. Claims 10-28, drawn to a method of making.
- II. Claims 29-39, drawn to a method of using.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9, for examination in this case. Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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